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From: Base Maintenance Officer
To: Joint Public Affairs Officer
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

Subj: Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) News Release Requirement

- Ref: (a) FoneCon btwn Maj J. Janega, SJA, and Mr. J. Wooten, BMaintDept, on 14 Sep 79
- (b) FoneCon btwn Mr. G. Rundgren, NC Div of Health Servs, and Mr. J. Wooten, BMaintDept, on 14 Sep 79
- (c) FoneCon btwn Capt J. W. Schmitz, JPAO, and Mr. J. Wooten, BMaintDept, on 14 Sep 79

Encl: (1) Proposed News Release

1. On 12 September 1979 a routine potable water sample from the Courthouse Bay water system was processed by the Quality Control Laboratory, Base Maintenance Department. Test results indicated the SDWA maximum microbiological (coliform bacteria) contaminant level was exceeded.

2. During reference (a) the Staff Judge Advocate advised Mr. Wooten to make the required SDWA violation report to the State of North Carolina which was done by reference (b) and to arrange the required three consecutive news releases in the Base newspaper.

3. As discussed during reference (c), enclosure (1) which was agreed upon by the Staff Judge Advocate and the State of North Carolina as satisfying SDWA news release requirements on a previous violation, is submitted for republication.

4. If additional information is desired, please contact Mr. J. I. Wooten, Base Maintenance Department, extensions 5003/2083.

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Notice of water quality reading

The Base Maintenance Department of the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, operates eight separate water systems to supply the water needs of the entire Camp Lejeune-New River complex. During routine testing of the system serving the Courthouse Bay area, one water sample showed a coliform bacteria concentration above the norm for that system. Subsequent water samples for coliform within that system indicated that no bacteria were present. Coliform bacteria is not a disease producing organism. Its presence merely suggests that conditions may be appropriate for the growth of other disease carrying organisms. Since subsequent testing indicated that no coliform-bacteria was present, there is no cause for concern.

The Base Maintenance Department is continuing to search for the cause of this one abnormal reading as well as to monitor all the water systems aboard the Base to ensure compliance with water quality standards and the reporting requirements set by the Public Health Service Act as amended.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Regional Preventive Medicine Officer, extension 451-5707.

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